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## Panel discusses Desert Storm

By KIM HANSEN

Opinions about Operation Desert Storm swirled through UNO's campus Friday.

More than 50 people attended a panel discussion on the Persian Gulf war at the Student Center. The discussion, sponsored by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), was moderated by Eugene Freund.

Freund, professor of teacher education, asked where the United States stands, and where we are going in the Gulf war.

"We are where we were on Nov. 30," said

Ken Wise, professor of international studies at Creighton University.

Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi foreign minister Tariq Aziz didn't do enough, Wise said. "We set ourselves up for failure."

"I want to get the war over with before the month of Ramadan," said George Barger, sociology professor emeritus at UNO. Americans are not familiar with Arab cultures, such as the month long holy celebration for Muslims called Ramadan.

Having non-Muslims in an Arab state would be as offensive to Arabs as it would be for Jews

to have someone spit on the wailing wall.

Panelist Walter Bacon said the United States needs to look at what will happen in short and long terms. "When the demands of the Security Council are fulfilled, we'll have a better knowledge of where we're going," in the short term, he said.

No one knows what the long term is. "So we get Kuwait back. Then what?" said Bacon, a political science professor at UNO.

We conducted the war the way we wanted to

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## Asbestos removal delayed

By KIM HANSEN

Asbestos removal from the Eppley Administration Building has been put on hold due to the cold weather.

A transformer vault in the Eppley building was targeted for asbestos removal during the Christmas break. Electricity to the Eppley building needed to be shut off during the removal. Without heat, the pipes in the building could freeze and burst, said Mike Miller, manager of UNO's maintenance and utilities services.

"Asbestos is not dangerous as long as it is in good condition," Miller said. Remodeling in the Student Center required the removal of asbestos first.

Any asbestos removal is regulated by several federal and local agencies. UNO hired Asbestos Management Inc., a consulting firm, to make sure monitoring guidelines were followed.

First, the area was encapsulated in polyurethane plastic. All air ducts and vents were shut down to keep particulates from escaping. Special fans were used to create negative pressure in the work area. Negative pressure allowed air flow to enter the work area but not to leave which also aided in keeping particulates from escaping.

The asbestos was removed using surfactant, a liquid resembling dish soap, which keeps asbestos wet for minimum fiber release. The asbestos was then bagged and taken to the Douglas County landfill for disposal.

Asbestos removal from the Student Center building cost about \$35,000, Miller said. The Eppley building is expected to cost \$26,000.

## Pennzoil vs. peace?



- ERIC FRANCIS

Rev. Frank Cordaro, Catholic priest from St. Anne church in Logan, Iowa, protests the Persian Gulf war during a demonstration at the Federal Building Friday.

## Bill to allow recall of NU regents

By PATRICK RUNGE

A bill recently introduced in the Legislature would make the University of Nebraska Board of Regents subject to voter recall.

The bill, LB 54, was introduced by senators Ron Withem of Papillion and John Lindsay of Omaha.

If LB 54 passes, the voters could recall a sitting regent by accumulating enough signatures to call for an election to decide whether or not to remove the regent from their seat.

In 1986 (?), the Nebraska recall law was invoked to remove Omaha mayor Mike Boyle from office.

"It's time to make the regents accountable to

their bosses, the people," said Lindsey.

"It is a response to the frustration heard over the last two to three years from constituents and other people across the state about the activities of a board that is not particularly accountable," Withem said.

In the past, the regents have been criticized for firing Ronald Roskens as president of the University of Nebraska system, and for hiring Martin Massengale to replace him after spending \$200,000 on a nationwide search committee which did not name Massengale as a finalist for the position.

Don Blank, chairman of the regents, said he supported the measure.

"I'm totally in favor of it," he said. "Any

elected official should be subject to recall."

Blank said that senators should also be subject to recall. Currently state senators may not be recalled.

"I think that any elected official, senators included, should be subject to recall," he said.

Blank said being subject to recall would not have affected any decision he made as a regent, adding that for some time, he thought the regents were subject to Nebraska's recall law.

"Up until a year ago, I thought we could be recalled," he said. "I think most of the regents thought they were."

Blank said he thought most of the regents supported the measure.

# National Briefs

## False rape report fuels racial tensions

(CPS) - A student's false report of rape at George Washington University (GW) in Washington, D.C. frightened residents into thinking a rapist was prowling the campus, and then, when the truth was revealed, angered students because the fictional assailants were described

as black.

The trouble at GW began Dec. 6 when the *Hatchet*, the student newspaper, published a story that a woman had been raped on the campus on Halloween night by two men described as "muscular, young-looking black males... wearing dirty, torn clothing" and having "bad body odor."

The *Hatchet's* source for the story was Mariam Kashani, a GW sophomore described

as "a private rape counselor who met the victim through a friend at the D.C. Rape Crisis Center."

However, four days later, Kashani admitted through her lawyer she had made up the story. Kashani's friends told reporters she had wanted to heighten awareness about campus security.

The same day, the *Hatchet* published a special issue explaining the mistake and adding "the editors deeply regret the error."

But the damage had been done.

Because the lie was exposed on the last day of classes before winter break, student response so far has been minimal, according to GW President Stephen J. Trachtenberg.

Black students at GW are "ticked off," Trachtenberg said. "They have a right to feel hurt and angry."

"The attitude of the black student population is outrage," agreed David Trimmingham, a GW junior and member of the Caribbean Student Association. "What (Kashani) did really helped people to see the problems" in race relations at GW.

If Kashani chooses to remain at GW this semester, she will receive "appropriate due process and justice" from the student judicial board, Trachtenberg asserted.

AT GW, there also will be an inquiry into whether editors of the *Hatchet* followed appropriate procedures in verifying the story.

The *Hatchet's* editors could not be reached

for comment. Editor-in-chief Patrice Sonberg earlier told the *Washington Post* the race of the alleged assailants had not played a part in the decision to run the story.

## Environmentally sound bag unveiled

(CPS) - Students shopping at Cornell University's bookstore now can carry their purchases home with more peace of mind.

Bookstore managers at Cornell have introduced a new canvas shopping bag, which students can buy and then reuse, as an alternative to a controversial "Big Red" plastic shopping bag.

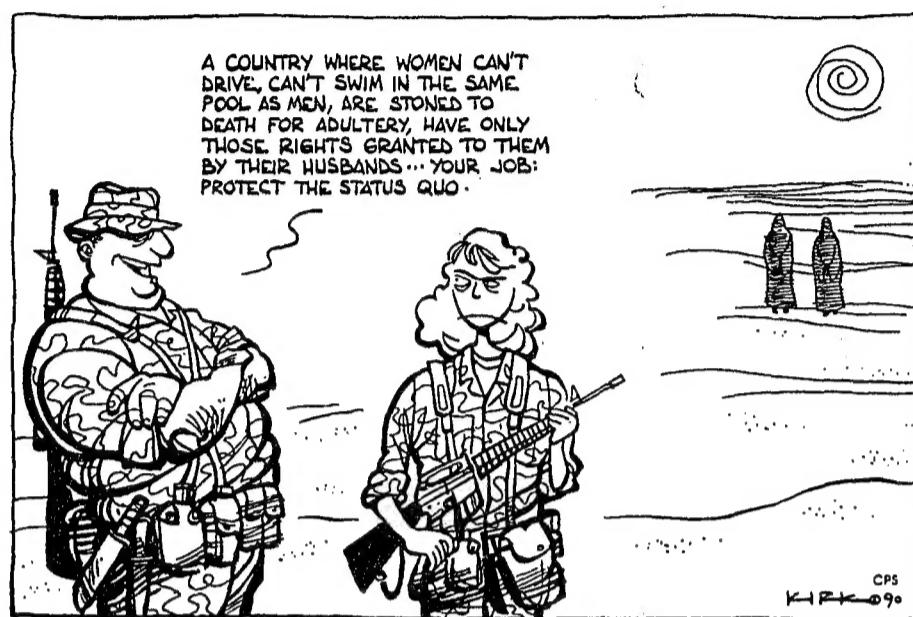
A Cornell environmental group had complained in mid-Fall that the "biodegradable" plastic bags would in fact break down only under certain land-fill conditions.

"The response has been very positive. They've just been blowing out of here," said Richard W. McDaniel, director of Cornell's bookstore.

The new bags come in four styles and cost \$2. The plastic bags will still be available.

Cornell's is one of a growing number of campus stores trying to be more environmentally aware, said Hans Stechow, director of public affairs for the National Association of College Stores.

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# Local Briefs

## UNO faculty and symphony players to unite for recital

The UNO music department will present a faculty chamber music recital at 3 p.m. Feb. 10 in the recital hall of the Strauss Performing Arts Center.

Featured performers will include William Ritchie on double bass and Marsha Johnson on piano. Both are faculty members in UNO's music department. They will be joined by members of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra in music by Mozart, Schubert and Telemann.

The symphony performers will include Ann Beebe and Frank Seligman on violin, Judith Ablon Vann and Judy Divis on viola, Steven Laven on cello, William Ritchie, Joshua Kuhl, Leslie Carter and James Giles on double bass, and Marsha Johnson on piano.

"This recital gives these players in the Omaha Symphony a chance to perform chamber music, something many of them do not get a chance to do during the regular season," Ritchie said.

Admission to the recital is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens, and free with a UNO faculty, staff or student ID. Tickets will be available at the door the afternoon of the concert and free parking is available.

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## Red Cross communication center established

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The center, located at the chapter building at 3838 Dewey Ave., was assembled soon after the initial U.S. bombing attacks on Iraq.

Heartland Chapter staff and volunteers are being trained to screen incoming calls, provide emotional support, and share any official information received from American Red Cross national headquarters. When necessary, calls are forwarded to a caseworker or professional crisis counselor.

Red Cross staff are not responsible for notifying families in the event of military casualties. That duty is handled by the Department of Defense.

American Red Cross officials said the demand for emergency communication is up about 25 percent compared to this time last year. Emergency financial assistance and other support to military families has increased about 43 percent from last winter.

Heartland Chapter expects to spend at least \$10,000 more than

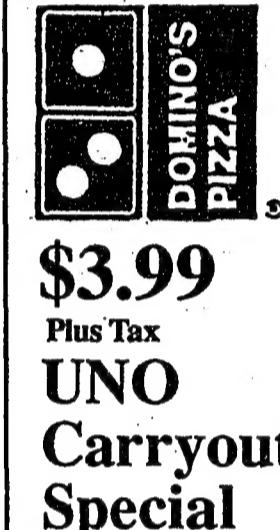
anticipated to provide these services. A fund-raising campaign endorsed by the Omaha Chapter of Reserve Officers' Association is under way to meet these expenses. Financial contributions can be made to American Red Cross, Heartland Chapter, 3838 Dewey Ave., Omaha, Neb., 68105.

## ROTC blood drive scheduled

UNO Army ROTC is sponsoring a blood drive Feb. 6 in the Student Center Nebraska room. The blood drive, coordinated with the American Red Cross, is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more information, contact Capt. Rodriguez at 554-3777.

## Hurry up

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# Focus

## Draft is not expected soon

*Volunteer force considered adequate for Persian Gulf*

By D.J. STILES

The war in the Persian Gulf has the eyes of the world upon it, and in the United States it seems opinion is almost evenly split.

Included in the worries within the United States are such things as "another Vietnam," "blood for oil," and to a certain age group, the possibility of a military draft.

"Only if Congress legislates it and the president signs it," would a draft be enacted, said Lewis Brodsky, assistant director of public affairs for the Selective Service in Washington, D.C.

The U.S. military has enough people volunteering for the armed forces and won't need a draft, according to the UNO Army ROTC office.

The United States has used a system of conscription dating back to the Civil War and World War I. Just before entering World War II, the first peacetime draft in U.S. history was enacted. It was allowed to expire at the end of the war.

From 1948 to 1973, including the Korean War and Vietnam, the military drafted during "peacetime" to fill vacancies in its forces that couldn't be filled by volunteers.

Chris Bitzer, public information officer for the Selective Service Regional Office in Aurora, Colo., said "we're not planning to use it (a draft) at all. Business as usual, that's what they tell us."

If a draft was enacted during the Persian Gulf war, according to Bitzer, selective service reserve officers would have offices set up to accept inductees within 24 hours.

"A lottery method would be used," Bitzer said, "in which a random selection process would begin."

Males born in the calendar year of 1971 (turning 20 this year) would be "first priority."

There would be two containers, one with all the dates of a given year and the other with the lottery numbers. Each container would be mixed and then, a date and a number would be drawn randomly from each container and matched.

In turn, any registered male born on the date matched with a certain number would be inducted for service when that number was called.

Second priority would be males born in the calendar year of 1970, third priority 1969 and so on, in which the same process is repeated as many times as necessary.

Once inducted, a registrant must report to a military entrance processing station for examination and possible immediate induction 10 days thereafter, or file for a postponement, deferment or exemption from military service.

"A student would be deferred until the end of his current semester," Brodsky said, with "hardship to dependents and conscientious objection being two other possible exemptions," up to the decision of a local draft board.

Conscientious objection, according to the Selective Service, means that "a young man must be opposed to participation in all wars — not a selective objection to a particular war. Beliefs must be religious, moral or ethical in nature, as opposed to beliefs based solely on politics, expediency or self-interest."

Hardship to dependents would include men whose induction would cause hardship to those dependent on them for support.

Other deferments and exemptions include ministers, ministerial students until their studies are completed, certain elected officials and veterans.

From here the inductee would go to basic training, which according to the Army ROTC office at UNO could take from five to 15 weeks.

After basic training comes advanced individual training (AIT), which takes another four to six weeks. During AIT, one is trained according to his own specialized area, to accommodate the needs of the military at that time.

There are more than 11 million males between the ages of 19 and 25 who are draft eligible, according to the National Census Bureau in Washington D.C.; approximately 1.8 to 1.9 million per year, with the exception of ages 24 and 25 at just over 2 million each.

Of those, only 72,323 draft eligible males are in the state of Nebraska.

## Backing the troops



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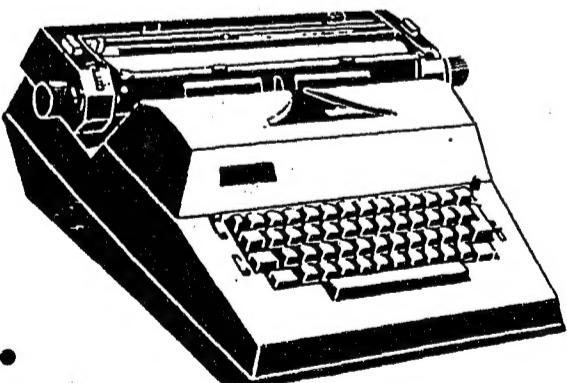
A demonstration of support for the troops in the Persian Gulf. Major Meisinger of the Nebraska Army National Guard, along with his wife Patti, his daughter Michelle and his son Kevin.

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# Hussein is 'not a typical person'

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at the beginning. Saddam will pull tricks out of his bag. "He's not a typical person," Bacon said.

Terrorist attacks, bombing Israel, and bottle-necking the Persian Gulf, are a few of the tricks Tom Gouttierre, dean of International Studies and Programs, thinks Hussein will use. Hussein's terms for war would be to deal with troops on the ground and with the Republican Guard, Gouttierre said.

Several panel and audience members agreed that terminology used to describe the Gulf situation could be deceiving.

Vocabulary used in Arab talks and in the media are deceiving, said William Pratt, a history professor at UNO.

For example, a moderate Arab state means a monarchy with no free elections where women are practically in bondage. "That's who we're allies with right now," Pratt said.

Several days before the deadline, the Bush Administration said they would oppose an international conference, Bacon said. Once Baker came back from the Mid East, however, there was a subtle re-phrasing in relation to the United States' opposition

to an international conference.

Gouttierre said he wonders about jargon used during the war. He's distressed by comparisons between Hussein and Adolf Hitler.

"He's bad enough in his own right without that distinction," Gouttierre said.

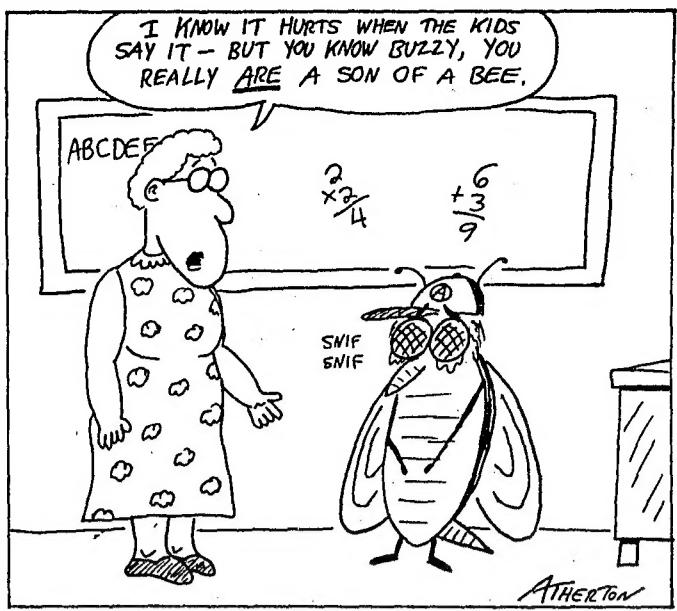
The war "won't be a Vietnam. It will be its own Persian Gulf," said Gouttierre.

"War is made by those who are ignorant," said Wise. He would like to see the war "go away and turn this into a win-win situation."

"Our answer for everything is to throw enough money at it, and it will solve itself," or to simply "move it, cut it or pave it," said Wise.

Panelists agreed having a president who wasn't a veteran of the Cold War era would have made no difference. "History repeats itself," Gouttierre said.

The AAUP plans to hold more discussions as the Persian Gulf war continues.



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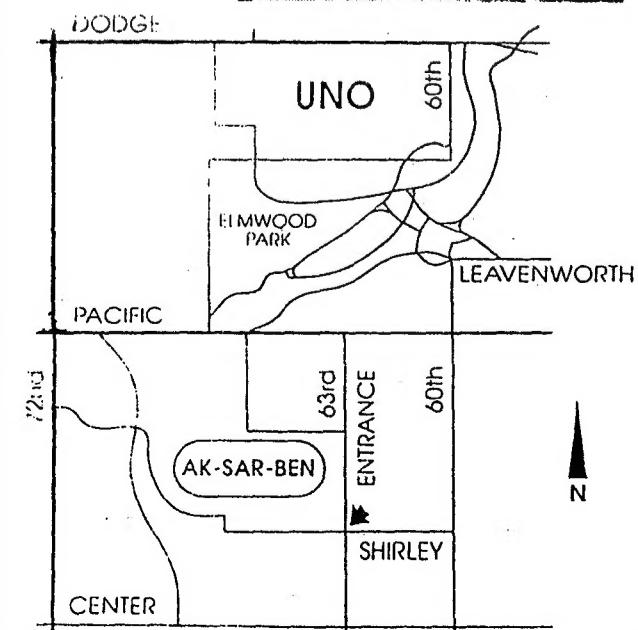
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# Opinion

## Make regents accountable

Imagine someone saying you could do whatever you wanted without having to worry about the consequences for six years.

You could get away with murder, figuratively speaking.

That's how the University of Nebraska Board of Regents currently operates. The regents are elected to six-year terms. But Nebraska voters have no opportunity to show their displeasure with the regents via recall election.

The regents certainly have shown they can infuriate the voters who put them into office. The regents threw away about \$200,000 without an explanation in the Ronald Roskens debacle. They didn't make themselves look much better when they hired Martin Massengale as permanent president.

The regents are politicians. If there is one word that keeps politicians on their toes, it's accountability.

Politicians don't make decisions in a vacuum. Politicians have to keep one eye on their constituents to see whether or not their next decision will get them thrown out of office.

Six years is just too long to make the regents accountable.

State Sens. Ron Withem and John Lindsay have introduced a bill in the Legislature that will allow voters to recall their regents.

This bill should be approved. As Regent Robert Allen of Hastings put it, "That's democracy."

It's not to say the recent regent fiascoes wouldn't have occurred if there was a system for a voter recall.

But it may not be a coincidence that the two board members who were up for re-election last November declined to run.

They may have had some difficulty explaining their latest actions to the voters.

## Play Super Bowl in spite of war

As I was reading *USA Today* (an unpardonable sin, I know, but I weakened) I came across an interesting piece on the opinion page. Someone wrote an article saying that we should put professional sports on hold while we are at war in the Gulf.

The author argued that it was inappropriate for us to be enjoying ourselves in such a frivolous pursuit as football while Israelis were wearing gas masks and hiding in bomb shelters.

Doing so, she said, would trivialize and demean the risks the people there are facing.

Yes, our soldiers are facing extreme risk doing their duty. Yes, they deserve our respect and support for what they are doing. But, come on. Cancelling the Super Bowl isn't the way to show support.

Cancelling the Super Bowl would not make one soldier any safer than they are now. They would all be facing the same amount of missiles, bullets and tanks they would if the Super Bowl was being played.

In a practical sense, the only thing cancelling the Super Bowl would provide is some disappointed fans and generate more fear and apprehension in the citizens of America.

There are not too many people in the country who have not been affected by Desert Storm. Many people, myself included, have friends or loved ones serving there now.

And even people with no direct ties to the war in the Gulf understand the graveness of the situation. They know people are fighting and dying in the sand. Just about everyone, in their own way, knows the sacrifices that are being made.

So playing the Super Bowl on schedule isn't indicative of some callous disregard for lives being lost in the sand, American, allied, and Iraqi. No one with a conscience can trivialize that.

But there is another reason to play the Super Bowl. And it goes to the very heart of the kind of war Saddam Hussein has decided to fight.

While the U.S.-led forces have been very strictly targeting only military targets, the only targets Saddam has chosen to strike at are civilian targets.

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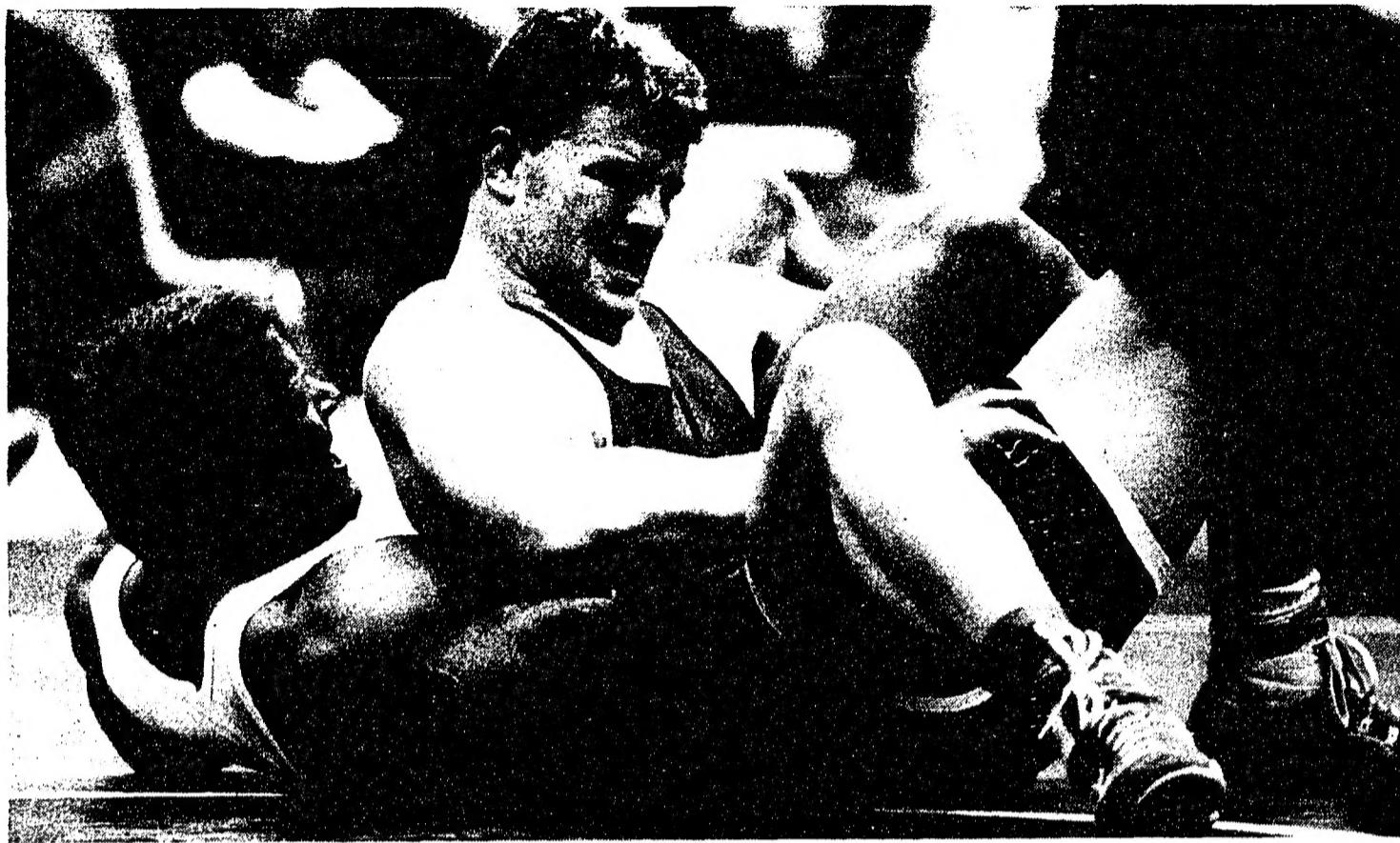
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# Sports



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A UNO wrestler (bottom) attempts to flee from the grip of an opponent in an earlier match this season. "It kind of slaps your face and wakes you up," Coach Mike Denney said of the Mavs loss to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this weekend.

## Mavericks lose 29-13 to Huskers

BY DAVE DUFEK

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln defeated the Maverick wrestling squad 29-13 Saturday in Lincoln.

The Cornhuskers, ranked fourth in NCAA Division I wrestling polls, won seven matches and tied one to account for the victory.

UNO is ranked third in the NCAA Division II.

"We didn't perform really well," UNO Coach Mike Denney said. "Maybe we got it out of our system. We just didn't have them ready or they weren't mentally ready. Sometimes that happens."

UNO's Jessie Smith won his individual match to help the Mavs' scoring. Ted Nelson tied and Pat Gentzler won by forfeit for the Mavericks.

The Mavericks suffered their share of injuries the weekend before the dual with Nebraska.

Scott Ruff, the Mavs' starting 142-pound wrestler, injured an ankle in the previous weekend's action. Ruff is rated number one in the NCAA Division II wrestling polls at 142 pounds.

"It's more realistic that he (Ruff) will be ready this weekend," Denney said. "His ankle is feeling a lot better."

Dan Carriger, UNO's starting heavyweight, suffered a neck injury after last weekend's action, but should be ready for any upcoming matches, according to Denney.

Jason Franklin, Carriger's replacement, broke his nose in the opening minutes of his match.

The Mavericks will face St. Cloud State and Mankato State in a triangular at St. Cloud, Minn., Friday. Saturday, the Mavericks will square off against Southwest Minnesota State at Marshall, Minn.

St. Cloud and Mankato are both solid

teams up and down," Denney said. "We have to be ready to go. It'll be a step down from wrestling Nebraska (Lincoln) and Central Oklahoma, but we have to get rolling anyway."

Last weekend, UNO defeated Central Oklahoma, ranked number two in the NCAA Division II polls.

"If we don't snap back this weekend," Denney said. "We'll have some problems down the road."

"I hope we can get on the up side of things," Denney continued. "We've wrestled a lot of good people. We just didn't get it together when we wrestled Nebraska."

"It can be really good, though. It kind of slaps your face a little and wakes you up. Losing to a good team makes you realize you have to work hard."

The Mavericks are 1-1 in dual action this season and have not wrestled any North Central Conference duals yet.

## UNO Notes

### NCC foes sink Mavs

After winning six straight games, the 13th-ranked UNO men's basketball team stumbled over the weekend, losing both of their conference games in Minnesota.

Friday night, the 10-4 Mavericks ran into the Mankato State Mavericks' nine-game home-court winning streak, falling 70-54 before 2,143 at Highland Arena.

The loss, UNO's first in 1991, was also the first conference loss this season for UNO, 3-2.

Mankato State, 11-4 overall and 5-1 in the NCC, shot 50 percent from the field and out-rebounded UNO 38-21. UNO hit 40 percent from the field.

In a game that UNO never led, Nebraska-Omaha managed to cut a nine-point first half deficit to six, at 31-25, by intermission.

The second half was all Mankato State as the hometown Mavs outscored UNO 39-29. Playing catch-up in the second half, UNO never got any closer than nine points.

Thor Palamore led UNO in scoring with 16 points. Keith Douglas added 13 and Terry Henderson scored 11 for the Mavericks.

Chris Conlan took game-high scoring honors with 18 points to lead Mankato State and teammate Nathan Marks scored 14.

Mankato State is tied for first place in the NCC with 13-2 North Dakota.

Saturday night, UNO lost a disappointing 73-70 decision before 2,345 at Halenbeck Hall to St. Cloud State. The Huskies, 11-4 and 4-2, sit in third place in the NCC, ahead of UNO.

In the second half, St. Cloud went on a 13-4 run that gave the Huskies a 44-39 lead.

The teams exchanged a pair of buckets at the end, and UNO had a chance to take the lead with less than a minute left, down 71-70. But UNO missed a basket and the Huskies added a free throw for the eventual margin.

Palamore led UNO in scoring with 19 points, Henderson added 14 and Cartwright scored 12. Orion Thurston led all scorers with 21 points to lead St. Cloud State.

UNO is at home Friday and Saturday nights against 10-5 and 4-1 Morningside and 9-5 and 1-4 South Dakota.

### Lady Mavs drop two

Disappointing second halves led the Lady Mavs basketball team to drop a pair of NCC games over the weekend in Minnesota.

On Friday night, Mankato State took the 7-8 and 2-3 Lady Mavs into overtime, before claiming a 73-71 decision. UNO led at intermission 33-25, but were outscored 34-26 in the second half forcing the game into overtime with a 59-59 score.

Shelly Schoeberi scored seven points in overtime for Mankato State.

Kim Muma led the Lady Mavs in scoring with 19 points, Darcy Burns added 11 as did Aimee Noel.

With the win, Mankato State moved to 8-7 overall and 2-3 in the North Central Conference.

Saturday night the Lady Mavs shot just 31 percent from the field in a 64-57 loss to St. Cloud State. UNO led 28-21 at halftime, but cooled off in the second half and were outscored 43-29.

Burns led UNO with 17 points, Dawn Stoehr scored 12 and Tricia Floyd added 11. Muma scored just one point for UNO.

The Lady Mavs outboarded St. Cloud 49-40.

**UNO Notes** compiled by  
Mark Gregory



"I can play with a little pain."

— Darcy Burns

in 10 years.

"A dislocated thumb is a very unusual basketball injury," Burns said.

Her return to practice was limited. She had to avoid physical contact for a month, but eventually practice was the same as usual. Burns said most of her recovery took place over Christmas vacation.

Burns praised her teammates quality of play during her absence. She did not want to single out particular players, but said Sandy Skradski did well coming off the bench into a role she was

not accustomed to.

"She came off the bench and did well in rebounding and scoring," Burns said.

"When any starter is out of the lineup, there is difficulty, but we have good depth on our team," she said. "Their level of concentration was increased."

Burns said the Lady Mavs could be an NCC contender if they play like they did against Augustana.

"We can definitely be in the top three," Burns said.

Three NCC teams are nationally ranked in Division II.

The road to recovery has not ended for Burns. She must go through physical therapy twice a week to regain her thumb's strength and range of motion.

"I can play with a little pain," said Burns. "I've got to get back into the flow of things right now. That's my main concern."

Doctors expect Burns' thumb to fully recover. However, it will always be prone to injury and Lady Mav coaches are cautious in risking another injury. Burns said if the team is well ahead, coaches will remove her from the starting lineup.